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20 MAR 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Management and Services

SUBJECT: Memorial Plaque

REFERENCE: Director of Personnel's Memorandum of 11 March 1974, same subject, to DCI

1. The DCI returned Reference to you for action, with a copy to me for information along with the following note:



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2. The November 1973 approval of the proposal for a Plaque provided that stars rather than names would be placed on the Plaque; under this arrangement there would be no security problem in adding stars to represent deceased clandestine agents. The proposal also provided that an unclassified "Book of Honor" would list the names of those deceased employees "whose names could be disclosed" but I cannot think of any probable developments in the foreseeable future that would permit the inclusion of the true names of clandestine agents in this Book. In a number of cases, including some of the most deserving agents, it would not even be appropriate for the true name to be made known to the Honor and Merit Awards Board.

3. In regard to deceased CIA employees represented by stars, I suggest that in addition to having their cases reviewed by the Cover and Commercial Staff before being added to the Book, it would be prudent to have a review also by the OGC. Any death case is the potential basis for claims against the Agency, and I note in the attachment to Reference some which have caused us substantial legal problems in the past.



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William E. Nelson
Deputy Director for Operations

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations
SUBJECT : Memorial Plaque

Bill:

Reference is made to the Director of Personnel's memorandum of 11 March 1974, concerning the selection of CIA employees who lost their lives in the service of their country for commemoration on the Memorial Plaque. The DCI has now raised a question about

My initial reaction is that this opens a Pandora's Box, and adds an entire new dimension to the original concept and criteria. It primarily impacts on the DDO, however, and I would very much appreciate your comments or suggestions on how best to proceed with Bill Colby's proposal.

HAROLD L. BROWNMAN
Deputy Director
for
Management and Services

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director for Management and Services

FROM : Director of Personnel

SUBJECT : Memorial Plaque

[Signature]
11 MAR 1974

1. Action Requested: That you approve the selection of CIA employees who lost their lives in the service of their country for commemoration on the Memorial Plaque.

2. Basic Data or Background: The concept of a Memorial Plaque and the selection criteria were approved on 20 November 1973. The criteria is as follows:

(a) Agency employees who lose their lives while serving their country in the field of intelligence would be eligible for consideration.

(b) Employees may be either in a staff or contractual relationship.

(c) Death may occur either in the foreign field or in the United States; however, the circumstances of death must be of an inspirational or heroic character.

(d) The death must have occurred on or after 18 September 1947.

In addition, before inclusion on the memorial, the circumstances surrounding the death of an employee will be reviewed by the Honor and Merit Awards Board which will make its recommendation to the Director. No symbol will be entered

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** By the Secretary, CIA HONOR COMMITTEE*


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3. Staff Position: The Honor and Merit Awards Board, in a series of meetings, has reviewed the specific circumstances associated with employees' deaths in conjunction with the approved criteria and has identified 31 individuals to be honored.

4. Recommendation: It is recommended that you approve for commemoration on the Memorial Plaque the recommendations of the Honor and Merit Awards Board which are contained in the attached.


F. W. M. Janney
Director of Personnel

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DISAPPROVED: _____

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